

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to this amendment, claims 1-31 were pending. In this amendment, claim 20-22 and 29-31 are canceled. Thus, after entry of this amendment, claims 1-19 and 23-28 will be pending.

Applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowability of claims 1-19 and 23-28.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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